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USCINCEUR FOR GENERAL HUYSER

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NEXT MEETINGS OF THE US-SPANISH COUNCIL

1. AS WAS DONE LAST YEAR IN FEBRUARY, A MEETING OF THE US-SPANISH COUNCIL AT THE LEVEL OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES (THE UNDER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE AMBASSADOR, PLUS GENERAL HUYSER AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHIEF OF THE SPANISH HIGH GENERAL STAFF AS MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES) HAS NOW BEEN SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, APRIL 10 IN MADRID. THIS WILL PROVIDE A USEFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR REVIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SEVERAL JOINT COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL PREPARATORY TO THE NEXT PLENARY MEETING.

2. ALTHOUGH FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA WOULD HAVE PREFERRED A DATE EARLIER IN THE SPRING FOR THE NEXT PLENARY, THE FIRST PRACTICAL OPPORTUNITY TO ARRANGE A MEETING HERE IN MADRID WOULD NOW APPEAR TO BE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE
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SECRETARY'S PLANNED PARTICIPATION IN THE OECD MINISTERIAL IN PARIS ON JUNE 14-15 AND CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE IN LONDON ON JUNE 16.

3. I WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY INDICATION AS TO WHETHER THIS WILL BE POSSIBLE, SO THAT I MAY ASSURE OREJA OF OUR INTENTION TO HOLD THE NEXT REGULAR SEMI-ANNUAL PLENARY

MEETING BEFORE THE SUMMER. (THE LAST WAS HELD IN NEW YORK ON SEPT 30, 1977.) OREJA HIMSELF HAS NO SPECIFIC DATE IN MIND AT THIS MOMENT.

4. HOLDING A PLENARY MEETING AS LATE AS JUNE INEVITABLY CARRIES WITH IT A QUESTION AS TO TIMING OF THE NEXT FOLLOWING MEETING. IT WOULD BE QUITE EARLY TO SCHEDULE THE FOLLOWING MEETING IN NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON IN THE CONTEXT OF OREJA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE UNGA, WHICH WAS THE OCCASION FOR THE LAST TWO PREVIOUS FALL MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL. I WOULD THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO SUGGESTING TO OREJA THAT WE THINK IN TERMS OF A POSSIBLE DECEMBER MEETING IN MADRID. STABLER

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